

# Union Calendar No. 451

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4464

[Report No. 106-784]

To amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to make grants and to enter into cooperative agreements to encourage the expansion of business-to-business relationships and the provision of certain information.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. BERKLEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. MOORE, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

JULY 25, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2000]

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       *This Act may be cited as the “BusinessLINC Act of*  
 5       *2000”.*

6       **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

7       *Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)*  
 8       *is amended by adding at the end the following:*

9       “(m) *BUSINESSLINC GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE*  
 10       *AGREEMENTS.—*

11               “(1) *IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this sub-*  
 12               *section, the Administrator may make grants to and*  
 13               *enter into cooperative agreements with any coalition*  
 14               *of private entities, public entities, or any combination*  
 15               *of private and public entities—*

16                       “(A) *to expand business-to-business rela-*  
 17                       *tionships between large and small businesses;*  
 18                       *and*

19                       “(B) *to provide businesses, directly or indi-*  
 20                       *rectly, with online information and a database*  
 21                       *of companies that are interested in mentor-*  
 22                       *protege´ programs or community-based, state-*  
 23                       *wide, or local business development programs.*

24               “(2) *MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Subject to sub-*  
 25       *paragraph (B), the Administrator may make a grant*

1        *to a coalition under paragraph (1) only if the coali-*  
2        *tion provides for activities described in paragraph*  
3        *(1)(A) or (1)(B) an amount, either in kind or in*  
4        *cash, equal to the grant amount.*

5                *“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*  
6        *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out*  
7        *this subsection \$6,600,000, to remain available until*  
8        *expended, for each of fiscal years 2001 through*  
9        *2003.”.*

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